

## Meeting with Local Seniors

This month, I had the pleasure of continuing my commitment to seniors when I **hosted the 30th Annual Senior Fair** at Warsaw Park in Ansonia.

This non-political event began before I became State Senator and is a Valley tradition, attracting hundreds of seniors from around the region to receive free dental care and blood pressure screenings, massages, nutrition tips and flu shots. Attendees also learn about scams and fraud, apply for drivers' licenses, and meet with dozens of state, local and non-profit vendors offering services to our senior citizens.



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE for DERBY

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# From Your State Senator JOE CRISCO Legislative Update for Derby

## SUPPORTING SENIORS

### Supporting Family Caregivers

Nearly 500,000 Connecticut residents act as caregivers, and many of them feel unprepared to provide the technical care needed to keep their loved ones healthy. The CARE Act, bipartisan legislation that **helps to ensure that caregivers are given follow-up care instructions** when a patient is discharged from the hospital, will also reduce costly hospital readmissions.

#### The CARE Act requires hospitals to:

- Provide each patient with the opportunity to designate a caregiver during the patient's admission to the hospital;
- Make reasonable attempts to notify the designated caregiver if the patient is to be discharged back to his or her home; and
- Provide the caregiver with instructions on how to perform medication management, wound care, injections or other medical tasks for the patient when the patient returns home.



## STANDING UP FOR VETERANS

### Tax Cut for Retired Veterans

As part of the state budget, the legislature approved a tax cut for military veterans which **provides a 100 percent exemption from the state income tax for federally taxable military retirement pay**. State law used to provide for only a 50 percent exemption to retired members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Army and Air National Guard.

### Women Veterans' Program

The legislature unanimously approved, and the governor signed into law, the creation of the Connecticut Women Veterans' Program, within the State Department of Veterans' Affairs. The program will reach out to women veterans to **improve their awareness of federal and state veterans' benefits and services**. The legislation also calls for an assessment of women veterans' needs for benefits and services, as well as a review of programs and initiatives currently available to women veterans in our state.